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To: Commissioner for Patents. P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Note: Hand-Delivered by Janice Kent of the local firm of Bonini and Kent)

Subject: Two Patent Applications, for each of which this Applicant-Attorney received a filing receipt--but NO subsequent word of any PTO action thereon, until receipt of Notice(s) of prospective Publication—one for each thereof:

- (a) Appn. 10/839,902, filed on 5/06/2004 (as my docket #277,002P) for "Gaseous Fuel Production From Aqueous Slurry of Carbon-Rich Feedstock".
- (b) Appn. 10/867,915, filed on 6/15/2004 (as my docket "277.003P) for "Gaseous Fuel Production Reactors and Methods"

Though having received (by mail) those filing acknowledgments, the undersigned inventor, as attorney of record for both patent applications, never received notice of a PTO action upon either one. Hence, he was unable to respond to whatever action any Examiner may have promulgated in ruling thereupon. Yet, he now is under the distinct impression that one or both of them may have been published, nevertheless.

The Commissioner is respectfully requested to take remedial actions, as follows:

- (a) to forestall, negate, or otherwise nullify any such noted publication(s); and
- (b) to furnish to the undersigned Attorney-Applicant, in the near future, by fax or mail (*not electronically*) complete copies of whatever (if any) official PTO action(s) may have issued thereon--but (as noted) were never received by, the undersigned--whereupon the undersigned will reply promptly thereto, and so forestall (or nullify) any such publication(s) thereof, and so remedy unilateral denial of his statutory right to seek, and perhaps receive, one or more patents for whatever meritorious invention(s) he may be found to have originated.

Respectfully submitted,

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